

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
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CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 17th day of April, 2006 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT	Jesus Galvan, Dorothy Roberts, Frank Hametner, Grace Chapa, Jay Attaway,	Mayor Mayor Pro Tempore Council Member Council Member Council Member
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ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Scott Thompson, Allen Lawrence, Ada Owens,	City Manager City Attorney Interim City Secretary
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ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT:	Darren Gurley, Darrell Jones, Gilbert Ritz,	Director of Public Works Police Chief Fire Chief
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OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph and Lu Arcemont, Sami Louise Shirley, Jeanie and Donald Brummett, Charlotte Wall, Nan Jackson, Melissa Hollan, Cari and Barny Fuller, Fred and Jacque Fuller, Ernie Torres, Mike Frost, Karl Lovett, Mike Keller, Debra Keller, Irene Irely, Norma Reyna, Jerry Wellman, Belinda Ritz, Pam Martin, Lupe Torres, Robert and Margaret Grave, Patty Gilden, Pam Benson, Nancy Allen, Brock Vardsveen, Kelly Pedersen, Jay Masterson

(There may have been others present who did not sign in).

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Galvan called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. on April 17, 2006.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG.

Council Member Hametner gave the Invocation.

Council Member Chapa led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA – “All of the Following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately”.

A. Approval of Minutes of a Regular Meeting of April 3, 2006.

Council Member Hametner made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda of April 3, 2006. Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANTWORKS TO APPLY FOR A 2006-2007 TEXAS HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERS GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS.

The City Manager stated the main item in the Grant was the amount of money for the match, which was \$12,500.00 and suggested that if the Council decides to approve applying for the grant that GrantWorks be allowed to make the recommendations on the distribution of the funds.

Council Member Attaway asked would GrantWorks be taking the applications from interested residents and making the selections of recipients, as an unbiased third party?

The City Manager stated yes.

Mr. Dave Tucker with GrantWorks stated GrantWorks was asking the City of Aransas Pass to apply for a grant in the amount of \$275,000.00. Mr. Tucker stated the City's required match would be 12.5%, which was \$34,375.00 and \$12,500.00 was the cash match requirement. He stated the balance of \$21,875.00 would be paid with any in-kind services from the City.

After discussion Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts made the motion to authorize GrantWorks to apply for a 2006-2007 Texas HOME Investment partners Grant on behalf of the City of Aransas Pass. Council Member Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES ON GILLESPIE LANE.

The City Manager stated after scoring all the Requests for Qualifications, the most qualified firms for the water and sewer service for the Gillespie Lane project were GrantWorks, Inc. for professional administration and Naismith Engineering, Inc. for engineering services

Mr. Tucker with GrantWorks stated this was a \$250,000.00 grant to provide first time sewer service and improved water service on Gillespie Lane. Mr. Tucker stated the grant has been recommended for funding and the funds will be available and are expected by the end of the month.

Mayor Galvan asked have the property owners on Gillespie given the easements required for the project?

Mr. Tucker stated the easements have not been acquired and \$7,000.00 of the grant has been set aside for acquisition of the easements.

Mayor Galvan asked where would the City install the water and sewer lines if the Gillespie Lane property owners do not give up the easements?

Mr. Tucker stated an alternate route would be found for the water and sewer lines and the lift station.

Mayor Galvan asked would Gillespie Lane be reconstructed?

Mr. Tucker stated reconstruction is included in the budget but only for patching the pavement where the water and sewer lines crossed the road.

The Public Works Director stated reconstructing the road was part of the City's match.

Council Member Hametner made the motion to approve awarding professional administration services to GrantWorks, Inc. and engineering services to Naismith Engineering, Inc. for the Community Development Fund Project for Water and Sewer Services on Gillespie Lane. Council Member Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE RESIGNATION OF ARANSAS PASS MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS DEBRA KELLER AND NAOMI HANSEN.

Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts made the motion to accept the resignation of Aransas Pass Municipal Development District Board Members Debra Keller and Naomi Hansen with regret and a thank you letter be sent to them. Council Member Chapa seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ARANSAS PASS MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (APMDD) AND CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE APMDD.

Ms. Debra Keller stated the Aransas Pass Municipal Development District (APMDD) had three seats vacant as she, Naomi Hansen and Robert Jayne had resigned from the Board. Ms. Keller stated the Board approved recommending Mr. Randall Freeze and Mr. Harold Hees for the APMDD Board.

Ms. Keller stated the APMDD also recommended that the Council appoint an alternate Council representative to the APMDD Board. After discussion Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts volunteered to be the City Council Alternate Board Member for the APMDD.

Council Member Chapa made the motion to appoint Mr. Randall Freeze to replace Ms. Debra Keller and Mr. Harold Hees to replace Mr. Robert Jayne, to extend Mr. Hees appointment until 2008, and call for

applications for the APMDD. Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 10

CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO THE ARANSAS PASS HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.

Mayor Galvan stated there were two vacancies on the Aransas Pass Housing Authority Board and three applicants. Mayor Galvan stated the Council would vote by ballot for the two vacancies.

After voting on paper with the points system, Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts made the motion to appoint Ms. Estella Fraga and Mr. James Pope to the Aransas Pass Housing Authority Board. Council Member Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 11.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH TEXAS AGGREGATION PROJECT'S (STAP) EFFORTS TO CONTRACT FOR LONG-TERM CAPACITY WITH THE OWNER OF GENERATION TO SUPPLY THE ELECTRIC POWER NEEDS OF STAP MEMBERS; SPECIFYING CERTAIN PARAMETERS TO BE MET BY ANY PROPOSED DEAL TO CONTRACT FOR LONG-TERM CAPACITY; APPROVAL OF STAP'S FINANCING STRUCTURE TO FUND ACQUISITION OF LONG-TERM CAPACITY TO SUPPLY THE ELECTRIC POWER NEEDS OF STAP MEMBERS.

After discussion Council Member Hametner made the motion to approve a Resolution in support of South Texas Aggregation Project's (STAP) efforts to contract for long-term capacity with the owner of Generation to supply the electric power needs of STAP members; specifying certain parameters to be met by any proposed deal to contract for long-term capacity; approval of STAP's financing structure to fund acquisition of long-term capacity to supply the electric power needs of STAP members. Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 12.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR BANKING SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE ARANSAS PASS MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

After discussion Mayor Pro Tempore Roberts made the motion to approve an amendment to the Requests for Proposals for banking services to include the Aransas Pass Municipal Development District. Council Member Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 13.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY OF THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS.

After discussion Council Member Hametner made the motion approve an Ordinance updating the Annual Investment Policy of the City of Aransas Pass. Council Member Chapa seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5.

PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 AUDIT BY MR. MICHAEL ARNOLD, PLLC.

Mr. Michael Arnold presented the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Audit stating that it had an unqualified/clean opinion, the books were in good condition and nothing was out of compliance.

Mr. Arnold addressed each section of the Audit and explained the Letter of Opinions.

Mr. Arnold recommended changing the payroll software to Incode, which would integrate with Incode's accounting software now being used, to save staff time.

Council Member Hametner asked could the City's accounting system generate a list of checks printed for a 30 day period?

Mr. Arnold stated it should not be difficult, but the checks would have to be listed by fund.

Council Member Hametner stated he would like to see a list of checks at the second Council meeting of the month.

Council Member Chapa asked does Incode have the time-clock?

The City Manager stated he would check on the time-clock software.

ITEM 3.

CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Ms. Charlotte Wall stated she was represented a group of people who want the City to build an animal shelter to house and adopt out animals. Ms. Wall stated the current conditions at the City pound are unacceptable. She stated the group had heard there was initially \$100,000.00 set aside for a shelter and they wanted an accounting of the money.

Ms. Wall stated their group wants to review records for the number of animals picked up weekly, number of animals returned to their owners, number of animals destroyed, amount money initially appropriated for a shelter and where those funds are now, and the amount of money that is currently available for a shelter. She stated the group wants to inspect the City budget and have the Council consider and act on building a proper animal shelter and, while building the new shelter, make improvements to the current City pound. Ms. Wall stated the group also wants the Council to consider the possibility of a citizen committee to work with the City to plan a shelter and combine a shelter with Ingleside to save money. The group wants to view any shelter plans that may exist.

Mayor Galvan stated Ms. Wall would have to submit her request to be on the Council agenda in writing. Mayor Galvan stated Ms. Wall could have potential members of a committee fill out applications for that committee and come before the Council for approval.

Mayor Galvan stated funding has always been a problem and regardless of what is built, the City has to budget. Mayor Galvan stated

the City does have the property for a new City pound. He did not think funds were set aside for building a City pound, but if Ms. Wall would work on grant funds that would help the City.

Ms. Wall stated the group wanted to research the records to see what happened to the \$100,000.00, why it was not spent on the shelter.

Ms. Wall stated she would submit the group's request in writing tomorrow.

Ms Sami Shirley stated Ms. Francis MacSwain's name was displayed wrong on the building dedicated to her.

Mr. Barton Fuller stated the City started paving Highland Avenue three years ago and has not finished. Mr. Fuller stated he could not drive down Highland Avenue without having his truck realigned. Mr. Fuller asked does the City have any plans to finish paving Highland Avenue?

Mayor Galvan stated the City did not have any recent plans to finish Highland Avenue. Mayor Galvan stated the cost to repave Highland Avenue was \$1.3M because the storm sewer had to be replaced.

Mr. Fuller stated it was just Wehring Lane to McCampbell Street that needed to be repaired.

There was discussion regarding temporary street repairs.

Mr. Brock Vardsveen with Iron Gator stated the property for the golf course was cleared, roads were in and two-thirds of the land clearing was completed. Mr. Vardsveen stated he will be working on a burn permit with the Fire Chief and the State to burn the large wood from the land clearing and would shred the small material for mulching the golf course.

Mr. Vardsveen stated he would give the City Secretary his request for annexation of their second parcel of property.

ITEM 14.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Mayor Galvan adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Jesus Galvan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ada Owens, Interim City Secretary